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ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed August 09, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due November 09, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for three months to February 09, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter; Fee Transmittal; and Petition for 3 month Extension of Time.